

# *A Vietnam Presence: Mennonites in Vietnam During the American War*

## PREFACE TO THE Online Footnote Format

When writing and editing the text of *A Vietnam Presence*, I did extensive footnoting. I then prepared the material for publication without footnoting. However, whenever the dating and the source of the information seemed important, I included this in the 2016 published text.

It now seems useful that this footnoted format be made available for researchers and other interested persons. This text is not fully identical to the published edition by Masthof Press.

### **Introduction**

This online footnote format lacks some resources included in the published edition. The Introduction contains the Forward, the Preface, a Table of Contents, and a list of Acronyms used in the text.

This online format contains no maps and no photographs; the published book has more than 170 photographs—most of them never before published.

The text is divided into three sections: Book One, Book Two, and Book Three.

**Book One**, 1954-1963

**Book Two**, 1964-1970

**Book Three**, 1971-1975

### **Addendum**

The Addendum of this online format contains material from the published edition: a Brief Timeline, a Glossary of Vietnamese words and names, and Lists of Persons who served with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), Vietnam Mennonite Mission (VMM), and Vietnam Christian Service (VNCS). It also features an exhaustive Bibliography; the published version had only the brief Annotated Bibliography. This online format contains no Index; researchers will need the published edition to easily find certain material.

### **Appendixes**

A new section of **Appendixes** has been added which was not included in the published book. These include policy statements of MCC/VNCS and VMM, and letters and statements speaking out against the war.

A copy of the book with a footnoted text was placed in the archives at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, PA 19602 in “Luke S. Martin, Personal Papers.” It has not been possible for this online format to follow the same page numbering as that copy nor of the published book.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) began working in Vietnam in 1954. The Vietnam Mennonite Mission began its ministries in 1957. During 1966-1972 MCC partnered with Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief in Vietnam Christian Service. This is a telling of the Mennonite story in Vietnam from 1954 to 1975.

I trust that you will find this online material useful.

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